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The Honorable Alan Cranston
United States Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cranston:

On July 1, I wrote you regarding the attempts of the National Forest Service to prohibit posting of information regarding the conservation of Mineral King on the public bulletin board there.

Those of us who have worked for the preservation of this area feel that the people who actually use Mineral King are entitled to know the statistics as stated in the Forest Service Prospectus, and the Disney plans for the area and what effect these changes will have on Mineral King - not just the general pro-development material put out by the Disney public relations department.

Three years ago, the Forest Service went so far as to confiscate all of our material there without warranta of search or seizure. We were later notified that this was done on the grounds that we had no permits for signs (inked on cardboard cartons.) When we applied for sign permits for the following summer, they were denied on the grounds that this could cause a proliferation of signs in the Forest, but Mr. James, Supervisor of Sequoia National Forest gave us permission to post our material on the public bulletin board at Mineral King. Now Mr. James, in his letter of July 1 has reversed this decision on the grounds that our material is "not in the general public good." I consider this move to be nothing short of censorship. We now have no way of getting these facts to the people who actually use and enjoy Mineral King. For our public officials to behave in this manner is reprehensible.

Enclosed are copies of the material we had hoped to post, and of my recent correspondance with Mr. James. Any help you can offer will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Richard Koch

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